

BENTLEY BOOKS & BITS

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Bentley Memorial Library

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On Monday, March 30, we began offering limited borrowing service to BOLTON RESIDENTS ONLY with a valid library card (see below to obtain or renew a card). Please be aware this is at your own risk; we cannot guarantee that items are virus-free.

CHECKOUT:

Patrons may request material by calling us at **860-646-7349** during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or by e-mailing bentley@biblio.org or placing a hold through our online catalog at bentley.biblio.org. Limits will be placed on NEW items – two new DVDs and two new books – but for older items our normal policy will apply. Let us pick out some seasonal children’s books for you, such as Easter, Passover, spring and Earth Day, or some titles for students still working on the “Reading Hall of Fame” program.

We will contact you when materials are ready, to arrange a pick up time, at which time your items will be placed in a bin outside for you to pick up. Please respect social distancing and do not congregate at the front door. Any items not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be brought into the building until the next day.

LIBRARY CARDS: We will renew expired cards or issue new cards with an expiration date of June 30, 2020, so that patrons can check out material and access online resources.

RETURN:

The book drop is open for returns, but we are using a new procedure to keep library staff as safe as possible. Items will be in quarantine off-site for a minimum of four days before being checked in. This means returned items may still appear on your account after you return them. Do not be alarmed! We will not charge late fees on any circulating items, and there will continue to be a grace period after the library returns to normal services.

THE FUTURE:

As you can appreciate, the current health crisis means that everything can change overnight. We are constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation and re-evaluating our response. We will do our best to keep you updated. For the most up-to-date information we urge you to frequently check the town of Bolton’s website: bolton.govoffice.com.

TELEPHONE STORYTIME: Call or email the library and register for Telephone Storytime. Pick a time between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and a staff member will read a favorite book to your child over the phone.

FREE REMOTE RESOURCES:

Continue to avail yourself of all the free resources available from the safety of your own home! In addition to the downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks provided by Bibliomation and the Connecticut State Library (see Bentley’s web page at bolton.govoffice.com/library), there are tons of sites on the Internet offering at-home activities and ideas for your family. Check out your favorite museum websites to see what they’re up to!

TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY: Our new subscription to this service offers over 1,000 titles for grades K–6 including unique animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, National Geographic videos, nonfiction books, playlists, and books in Spanish and French. Plus, the collection features Graphic Novels – a favorite! Follow the directions to connect and enjoy! This link will log patrons in automatically, no login information needed:

https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto_login.aspx?u=Boltonpublic&p=trial

GETTY ARTWORKS RECREATED: Fun for the whole family! Use household items to recreate famous artworks and see what people around the world are creating at this site: <http://blogs.getty.edu/iris/getty-artworks-recreated-with-household-items-by-creative-geniuses-the-world-over/>

NEWSPAPERS at researchitct.org: From ProQuest: Chicago Tribune, Hartford Courant, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and other U.S. Major Dailies. From CT Digital Newspaper Project, 38 historic CT newspapers. From the CT State Library: historical newspapers of 19th century Connecticut.

FREE WI-FI: Park in the library's lot and log on. The password is **bmlbooks**.

2020 CENSUS: By now you will have received an invitation to complete the 2020 Census. We encourage you to go [online](#) to complete the form. For those who do not have internet please call the Census Bureau to complete the information over the phone or wait for the paper copy.

STAY SAFE, STAY HOME